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Michigan Supreme Court to Hold Public Administrative Hearing May 17

LANSING, MI, April 20, 2017 - Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 1997-11, the Michigan Supreme Court will hold a public administrative hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in the Supreme Court courtroom located on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48915.

The hearing will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m. Persons who wish to address the Court regarding matters on the agenda will be allotted three minutes each to present their views, after which the speakers may be questioned by the Justices. Comments offered at a public hearing must pertain directly to an item on the public hearing agenda.

Included in the matters on the agenda are the following proposals: Whether to adopt amendments that would require that all appeals from probate court to be heard in the Court of Appeals, and would establish priority status for appeals in guardianship and mental illness cases.

The Proposed Amendment of MCR 3.208 would reduce the steps necessary to schedule a hearing; clarify when the FOC must participate in a contempt hearing; implement 2014 PA 381 to make the Office of Child Support responsible for determining allocation and distribution of child support payments; and allow the FOC to refrain from enforcing child support orders in situations in which it is inappropriate or unproductive.

A complete list of the additional administrative matters on the agenda is <u>here</u>.

To reserve a place on the agenda, please notify the Office of Administrative Counsel in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or by e-mail at ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov no later than Monday, May 15, 2017.

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